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In re Application of:

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PATENT APPLICATION

POLYNUCLEOTIDE CONSTRUCTS
ENCODING ASPARTATE KINASE,
ASPARTATE-SEMIALDEHYDE
DEHYDROGENASE, AND
DIHYDRODIPICOLINATE REDUCTASE
AND RELATED CONSTRUCTS, PRODUCTS,
AND METHODS

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is a response to the Official Action mailed in this case on October 12, 2005, and having a shortened statutory deadline for reply of January 12, 2006. That deadline is extended to February 13, 2006, by the petition for one month extension of time that is included herein. The Examiner's objections and rejections in this case have been carefully considered, and in view of the following remarks and amendments, reconsideration and early allowance of all pending claims is courteously requested.

Please amend this Application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are reflected in the Amendments to the Specification, which begins on page 3 of this paper

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.

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